



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	High-Rise Fire Sprinkler Design		
Code Section(s)	§106.3.3.3 , California Building Code (2001 ed)		
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Must plans for a fire sprinkler system in a new high-rise building be signed and stamped by an architect/engineer or may a C-16 contractor submit plans with his or her stamp and signature?

§106.3.3.3 states that all high-rise buildings must be designed under the responsible charge of an architect or engineer. Item 2 of that section states:

...this section shall not be construed as preventing the design of fire extinguishing systems by persons holding a C-16 license issued pursuant to Division 3, Chapter 9 of the Business and Professional Code. In such instances, however, the responsibility charge of this section shall remain.

It is not the intent of this section to require that a third party such as an architect or engineer validate the plans of a fire sprinkler system designed by a contractor holding a C-16 license.